

Weekly Column for June 9, 2006

After a two-week hiatus, my weekly column has appeared once again, with two very exciting days to discuss.

The first is this coming Sunday, as the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Flag Day Parade will take place, rain or shine. As many of you know, our Flag Day Parade is considered to be the largest in the entire country, and it is certainly a day we look forward to each June.

This year, 108 groups and more than 2,000 marchers will step off at 1 p.m. at Main and Fourth Streets. I will be one of those marchers, heading all the way up to the reviewing stand at Fulton and Fourth Streets.

There will be tens of thousands of people in downtown on Sunday, so be sure to head on down before the parade starts to make sure you get a good spot. At the moment it looks as if the weather may finally cooperate with one of our events. Very exciting, right?

When the parade ends, the fun does not. This year the Italian Community Center will hold a Flag Day Festival from 3-8 p.m. featuring great food, amusements for the young kids, and music by Al Bruno. It should be a great day, so please, come on down and enjoy the parade.

After the parade is over we will have 5 days before one of the great events of the year takes place. On Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, the City of Troy and WEQX will present the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual River Street Festival.

This year we have stepped it up significantly in terms of music, bringing in National recording artists World Party, Tally Hall, As Fast As, and Nightmare of You to compliment local recording artists Brittany, Mike Grutka, Trumystic, and the Ramblin' Jug Stompers.

Added to the fact that the arts, crafts, and antiques we will have next Saturday will be second to none in the area, the River Street Festival is truly becoming one of the benchmark summer festivals (even though it takes place a few days before summer begins).

The fun will begin at 10 a.m., with music starting right around noon. Stop by, do some shopping, and just enjoy all that Troy has to offer.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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